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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE CORRECTION OMBUDS, THE USE OF ISOLATED CONFINEMENT, SECLUSION AND RESTRAINTS, SOCIAL CONTACTS FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS AND TRAINING AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS FOR CORRECTION OFFICERS."

- 1 Strike subsection "(i)" of section 1 in its entirety and renumber the
- 2 remaining subsections and internal references accordingly
- 3 Strike section 2 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- 4 "Sec. 2. Section 18-96b of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 5 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- 6 (a) As used in this section:
- 7 (1) "Administrative segregation status" means the Department of
- 8 Correction's practice of placing an [inmate] incarcerated person on
- 9 restrictive housing status following a determination that such [inmate]

10 <u>incarcerated person</u> can no longer be safely managed within the general

- 11 [inmate] <u>incarcerated person</u> population of the correctional facility;
- 12 [and]
- 13 (2) "Isolated confinement" means confinement of an incarcerated
- 14 person in a cell, alone or with others, for more than sixteen hours per
- 15 <u>day; and</u>
- [(2)] (3) "Restrictive housing status" means the designation of an
- 17 [inmate] incarcerated person by the Department of Correction that
- 18 provides for closely regulated management and separation of such
- 19 [inmate] <u>incarcerated person</u> from other [inmates] <u>incarcerated persons</u>.
- 20 (b) The Department of Correction shall publish on its Internet web
- 21 site (1) the formula for calculating an [inmate's] incarcerated person's
- mental health score, [and] (2) a description of any form and phase of
- 23 housing employed at any of its correctional facilities for [inmates on
- 24 restrictive housing status] incarcerated persons held in isolated
- 25 confinement, (3) any report pursuant to subsection (g) of this section,
- 26 and (4) data used in such report in a downloadable, sortable format.
- 27 (c) The Department of Correction shall at least annually submit to the
- 28 Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division established under section
- 29 4-68m a report containing as [aggregated] disaggregated and
- 30 anonymized the following data:
- 31 (1) The number of [inmates on restrictive housing status] incarcerated
- 32 <u>persons in isolated confinement</u> in this state's correctional facilities, as
- of the first day of each of the twelve months preceding the date of the
- 34 submission of the report [. The department shall report and
- 35 disaggregate such data based on an inmate's age, gender identity,
- 36 ethnicity, mental health score as calculated by the department, if any,
- 37 and the form and phase of housing in which such inmate is held on
- 38 restrictive housing status] and the total number of persons subjected to
- 39 isolated confinement during the twelve months preceding the date of
- 40 <u>submission of the report;</u>

41 [(2) The number of inmates on administrative segregation status who

- have spent the following cumulative durations of time on
- 43 administrative segregation status:
- 44 (A) One to fifteen days;
- 45 (B) Sixteen to thirty days;
- 46 (C) Thirty-one to one hundred eighty days;
- 47 (D) One hundred eighty-one to three hundred sixty-five days;
- 48 (E) Three hundred sixty-six to seven hundred thirty days;
- 49 (F) Seven hundred thirty-one to one thousand ninety-five days;
- 50 (G) One thousand ninety-six to one thousand four hundred sixty
- 51 days;

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- 52 (H) One thousand four hundred sixty-one to one thousand eight
- 53 hundred twenty-five days;
- 54 (I) One thousand eight hundred twenty-six to two thousand one
- 55 hundred ninety days;
- 56 (J) Two thousand one hundred ninety-one to two thousand five
- 57 hundred fifty-five days;
- 58 (K) Two thousand five hundred fifty-six to two thousand nine
- 59 hundred twenty days;
- 60 (L) Two thousand nine hundred twenty-one to three thousand two
- 61 hundred eighty-five days;
- 62 (M) Three thousand two hundred eighty-six to three thousand six
- 63 hundred fifty days; and
- 64 (N) More than three thousand six hundred fifty days;
- 65 (3) For each correctional facility, the number of inmates who, during

the twelve months preceding the date of the submission of the report, spent more than fifteen days, cumulative, on administrative segregation status. The department shall report and disaggregate such data based on an inmate's age, gender identity, ethnicity, mental health score as calculated by the department, if any, and the form and phase of restricted housing in which such inmate is held; and]

- 72 (2) A list of unique individuals in the custody of the department in 73 the twelve months preceding the date of the submission of the report 74 subjected to any form of isolated confinement. The list shall include the following information for each person: Age, gender identity, ethnicity, 75 76 reason for placement in isolation, total number of days spent in isolated 77 confinement in the previous calendar year, total number of days spent 78 in isolated confinement over the course of the entire period of 79 incarceration, specific restrictive housing status, if any, and mental health score as calculated by the department, if any; 80
- (3) A list of unique individuals in the custody of the department in the twelve months preceding the date of the submission of the report subjected to restraints. The list shall include the following information for each person: Age, gender identity, ethnicity, total number of hours spent in restraints in the previous calendar year, specific restrictive housing status, if any, and mental health score as calculated by the department, if any;
 - (4) The number of incidents, broken down by correctional facility, for each of the following in the previous calendar year and categorized as:
- 90 (A) Suicides;

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- 91 (B) Attempted suicides;
- 92 (C) Self-harm;
- 93 (D) Use of force by staff members against incarcerated persons;
- 94 (E) Assaults by incarcerated persons on staff members; and

- 95 <u>(F) Assaults between incarcerated persons;</u>
- 96 (5) The number of incarcerated persons subjected to more than
- 97 <u>seventy-two hours of isolated confinement in the previous calendar year</u>
- 98 as categorized by the following periods of time:
- 99 (A) Up to fifteen days;
- 100 (B) Sixteen to thirty days;
- 101 (C) Thirty-one to seventy-nine days; or
- 102 (D) Eighty or more days; and
- [(4)] (6) Actions taken by the department during the twelve months
- preceding the date of the submission of the report to minimize reliance
- on administrative segregation status and to mitigate the harmful effects
- of administrative segregation status on [inmates] incarcerated persons,
- staff members and the public.
- 108 (d) The department shall not hold any person under eighteen years
- of age on administrative segregation status.
- (e) Not later than January 1, [2019] 2021, the Commissioner of
- 111 Correction shall study and submit a report, in accordance with the
- 112 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the
- 113 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to [the
- judiciary] <u>corrections</u> regarding the use and oversight of all forms and
- 115 phases of housing for [inmates] incarcerated persons on restrictive
- 116 housing status.
- (f) The provisions of subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section
- 118 do not apply to any [inmate] incarcerated person described in
- subsection (a) of section 18-10b.
- 120 (g) The Department of Correction shall not subject any incarcerated
- 121 person to isolated confinement because of the incarcerated person's
- 122 race, creed, color, national origin, nationality, ancestry, age, marital

123 <u>status</u>, domestic partnership or civil union status, affectional or sexual

- orientation, genetic information, pregnancy or breastfeeding status, sex,
- 125 gender identity or expression, disability or atypical hereditary cellular
- 126 or blood trait.
- [(g)] (h) Within available appropriations, the [Department of
- 128 Correction department shall provide training to employees of the
- 129 department who interact with [inmates] incarcerated persons
- 130 concerning the following:
- 131 (1) The recognition of symptoms of mental illness;
- 132 (2) The potential risks and side effects of psychiatric medications;
- 133 (3) De-escalation techniques for safely managing individuals with
- mental illness;
- 135 (4) Consequences of untreated mental illness;
- 136 (5) The long and short-term psychological effects of being on
- administrative segregation status; [and]
- 138 (6) The recognition of and techniques for mitigating trauma and
- 139 <u>vicarious trauma; and</u>
- [(6)] (7) De-escalation and communication techniques to divert
- [inmates] incarcerated persons from situations that may lead to the
- 142 [inmate] incarcerated person being placed on administrative
- 143 segregation status.
- [(h)] (i) Within available appropriations, the Department of
- 145 Correction shall take measures to promote the wellness of employees of
- the department who interact with [inmates] incarcerated persons. These
- 147 measures may include, but need not be limited to:
- 148 (1) Employee assistance programs;
- (2) Development and use of strategies to prevent and treat trauma-
- 150 <u>related effects on employees;</u>

- 151 [(2)] (3) Peer support programs; and
- 152 [(3)] (4) Stress management training."